### New York

Nutrition and Physical Activity Program to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases

# The Epidemic

57% of New York State adults are overweight or obese. (CDC BRFSS, 2002)

33% of low-income children between two and five years of age in New York State are overweight or at risk for overweight.

(CDC PedNSS, 2002)

The obesity rate among New York State adults doubled between 1990 and 2002. (CDC BRFSS, 2002)

#### **Notable Partners**

Child and Adult Care Food Program
Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program
Oral Health Surveillance Program
Partners for Children
New York State WIC Program

## **Upcoming Events and Products**

- A report on *Obesity and Chronic Disease*Burdens
- ➤ A project with the Prevention Research Center at SUNY-Albany School of Public Health to assess retail food outlets and physical activity resources in minority and rural target communities
- ➤ Pilot interventions to improve access to healthy food choices and physical activity opportunities, in partnership with the Prevention Research Center, SUNY-Albany School of Public Health

# **Program Priorities**

During its first year of funding the New York program is focusing on development of the state plan. The plan development steering committee is made up of

- a) stakeholders experienced in the development of statewide chronic disease plans;
- b) representatives of the coordinated school health coalition;
- c) representatives of the breastfeeding coalition;
- d) an existing State Department of Health workgroup;
- e) experts in nutrition, physical activity, and obesity.

Steering committee members participate in workgroups to develop objectives focusing on:

- data on the burden of obesity;
- vegetable and fruit consumption;
- physical activity and television viewing;
- breastfeeding and pregnancy weight gain;
- dietary practices;
- obesity awareness.

Public forums are planned to obtain input on the draft objectives and strategies.

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